

## Now is a New Day

We begin a New Year anxious and hopeful. Our hopefulness is fuelled by the roll out of vaccines but even more so, by the generous goodness we have experienced all around us in 2020. We have come to realise more and more how interdependent we are in every aspect of life. So much to be grateful for, remembering that there is more happiness in giving than in receiving. Our God is a giving God and we are made in His image.

Our anxieties remain as we recognise our own limitations and those of others around us. Our weaknesses, our selfishness, our fears, our failures often create the opportunities for others to care for us, to uplift us and in turn, allow us to blossom as we are invited to return such love.

Anxious hopefulness can allow us to recognise God's care of each of us as we are, and to share with Him in the daily experience of loving and being loved. We need daily time in reflective prayer to tune in to that privileged role of being cocreators with Jesus of security, happiness and peace. He has no hands but yours and mine. Can He depend on each of us to do our unique part in building just, respect filled faith communities in 2021?

In Sunday's reading, Paul reminds us so clearly that the Father ***"has chosen us to live through love in His presence"***. Imagine how enriched our lives could be each day if we sought out the opportunities of loving service that litter our lives. Paul prays

***"May He enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope His call holds for you, what rich glories He has promised you will inherit."***

Ephesians 1: 15-18



Each day is a new day of hope and love.



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